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City of Marlborough, Massachusetts CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

Lisa M. Thomas City Clerk

Absentee Ballot Information

Massachusetts allows voters to vote by absentee ballot if they:

- will be absent from your city or town on election day, and/or
- have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or
- cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs.

Absentee Ballot Applications:

You may have an absentee ballot mailed to you or you may vote at the City Clerk's Office by filling out one of the following Absentee Ballot Applications:

<u>Marlborough Absentee Ballot Application</u> (Marlborough Residents Only)

<u>Marlborough Absentee Ballot Application by a Family Member</u> (Marlborough Residents Only)

<u>Massachusetts Absentee Ballot Application</u>

Absentee ballots are generally available 2-3 weeks prior to an election.

Selection of Ballot Types:

In a Primary election, a voter who is not registered in a political party **MUST** specify their ballot choice on the application. You will **NOT** become registered in a party because of your participation in a primary. Voters who are registered in a party are **ONLY** allowed to receive the ballot of the party they are registered. To check your voter registration please click here.

Mail the completed application to:

City of Marlborough City Clerk's Office 140 Main Street Marlborough, MA 01752

Deadlines to Apply for an Absentee Ballot:

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk by NOON on the day prior to an election.

A voter who is admitted to a health care facility after noon of the fifth day prior to an election may apply for a ballot up until the close of polls and may request to have the ballot hand delivered.

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Return of Absentee Ballots:

Mailed Absentee Ballots include a return envelope that can be mailed or hand delivered to the City Clerk's Office. Ballots **CANNOT** be returned to the polling location on election day. They MUST be returned to the City Clerk's Office who will ensure the ballot is processed. All Absentee Ballots MUST be received BEFORE the close of the polls on election day to be counted.

Track your Absentee Ballot:

You can <u>track</u> your Absentee Ballot request to see if the City Clerk's Office has received and processed your application. You are able to see when a ballot was sent to you and how as well as when the returned ballot has been received in the City Clerk's Office.

Voters Living Outside of the United States:

If you are living outside of the United States, please contact the City Clerk's Office to discuss your options for an Absentee Ballot.

Follow this link for more information on military and overseas absentee voting.